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Subject: RE: CES Environmental Services site
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 10:19:09 AM
Attachments: [09.17.15 CES Environmental Services Summary.docx](#)
[CES Environmental Services 6-12-2015.pdf](#)

Israel,

Attached is the latest information I have on CES. The CES site is currently being addressed by the CES Griggs Road PRP Group under TCEQ's VCP Program. The TCEQ Project Manager is Mr. Rodney Bryant (Rodney.Bryant@tceq.texas.gov, 512-239-2205).

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From: Anderson, Israel
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Chris,

Here is the email that was transmitted to me by Arturo with info from Jim Blackburn, attorney in Houston representing some citizens near the CES site.

From: Blanco, Arturo
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Israel, please assign EJR and provide estimated time to get back to Jim Blackburn with an update.

Thank you,

Arturo

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Arturo. Here is a summary of the current status of the CES Environmental Services site that I presented to a community meeting a few weeks ago. FYI. Blackburn

From: Blanco, Arturo [<mailto:Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov>]

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Subject: RE: CES Environmental Services site

Hi Jim,

I remember you well and CES too but I have not followed CES since I left Houston. I know that EPA partially cleaned up the site, and during a community meeting that EPA held back towards the end of 2014, if my recollection is accurate, and that I attended while I was still in Houston, the neighbors were very worried about the uncertainty of next steps beyond the cleanup EPA was doing then. For me it has been almost two years since then. The concerns you are representing are certainly of EJ interest to me and I would like to find out more about the state of things regarding CES, especially since it is now being handled in some way by TCEQ and the PRPs. Also, since Superfund (program) was involved in the cleanup, I am copying Carl and Pam who manage that program so that they are aware and may add their perspective.

As to whether EPA coming down and meeting with the neighborhood, at this time I would like to know more so give me some time, let me get together with my team, do a little bit of digging, get some facts together and understand best the key players of the CES case. Once we have that we should know better what help is possible, including the possibility of convening responsible folks that could help explain what lies ahead. Is that ok?

Hope you are doing well.

Best regards,

Arturo

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Subject: RE: CES Environmental Services site

Hello Arturo. Jim Blackburn here. You might remember me as an environmental lawyer here in Houston. I am working with a group of citizens living around the CES Environmental Services site. I am sure you remember the CES Environmental Services site from your days in Houston. It was the subject of a partial clean-up by EPA but more studies if not more remediation need to occur. For example, a groundwater plume has been delineated and claimed to remain on site, but the only monitoring wells are within the plume. Hard to put a boundary when you have no clean wells. And there are neighbors right next to this site. And heavy metals have been found in yards outside the fenceline on residential properties, although these levels are said to be below action levels. Still not good.

The site is now in the VCP program at the TCEQ which is like a dark hole where sites seldom get cleaned. We would like to see further action taken to address this site. Among other things, it is an impediment to redevelopment activities in this area. Has impairment of economic opportunity (e.g., impairment of neighborhood restoration activities) ever been identified as an EJ issue. That situation is occurring in this neighborhood which is near to downtown Houston and otherwise would be excellent for redevelopment.

Is this something that the EJ group can help with? Any chance of you guys coming down and meeting with the neighborhood? Blackburn